What is the Kentucky Learning Depot?

The Kentucky Learning Depot is a digital library that allows educators to share engaging, quality, and standards-based digital content to improve their courses. The Depot provides a single point of entry where users can browse, search, upload, download, update, rate, and reuse learning content. The Depot is a member of SCORE (Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education), an initiative of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

What Have We Accomplished in 2007-2008?

The Kentucky Learning Depot was selected in August 2007 as the pilot state for the OnCoRe Blueprint Project of the Florida Orange Grove Repository, which is funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) to guide the creation of a learning content repository.

1. **Depot Steering Committee**

   - **Business Plan -** Drafted to ensure sustainability of the initiative.
   - **Funding Model –** Drafted to explore funding sources for Depot
   - **Request for Proposal –** Initiated to expand Depot's system from the sandbox to pilot status
   - **New Content Team –** Established to define content standards, copyright framework, and processes to maintain Depot content quality

2. **Depot Infrastructure Team**

   - **Sandbox –** Built January 10/11 to allow work team members to explore functionalities of the platform and to prepare for decisions to be made by other teams
   - **Interface with Course Management Systems** - Depot system interface built for the Kentucky Virtual Schools, KCTCS, Northern Kentucky University, Morehead State University

3. **Depot Metadata Team**

   - **Metadata Schema Review –** Compared schemas from SREB SCORE, Dublin Core, IEEE Learning Object Metadata, The Florida Orange Grove, The Georgia Share, and the North Carolina Learning Object Repository to define the Depot schema
   - **Required & Optional Metadata Elements –** Defined metadata elements that facilitate searching & discovery and are easy for content contributors to input

4. **Depot Training Team**

   - **SREB SCORE Training – A**ttended by 30 P20 educators in April & May 2007
   - **Depot Training Outline –** Developed to guide the building of training modules
   - **Depot Training Modules –** Drafted and to be piloted in November 2008